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Mr. Ross Chittenden Chief Department of Transportation Division of Transportation Planning Business, Transportation and Housing Agency State of California Box 942873 Sacramento, California 94273-0001

Re: FY 05-07 FSTIP Transit Amendment 5 for the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG)

Dear Mr. Chittenden:

Thank you for your letter dated March 15, 2005, approving the FY 05-07 FSTIP Transit Amendment 5 for SJCOG. It contains a Section 5307 project for bus transit improvements for the City of Tracy for funding by the Federal Transit Administration.

The amendment was developed by a process in accord with 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 53. Transit Element projects are exempt from air quality conformity determination.

This letter constitutes approval of the amendment of the Transit Element in the California Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, with the understanding that the eligibility of individual projects for funding is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all administrative requirements.

If you have questions about our review, please call Ms. Lorraine Lerman, Community Planner, at (415) 744-2735.

Sincerely

Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Steven Barhite, EPA, Office of Air Planning

Ms. Rachel Falsetti, CT

Ms. Julia E. Greene, SJCOG